

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takeshi Kanio, et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,404

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: November 14, 2001

Examiner: Christopher A. Fiorilla

For: METHOD FOR SINTERING POROUS-GLASS MATERIAL, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER (*as amended*)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Serial No. 09/987,404
Docket No. SH-0027US

2

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

METHOD FOR ~~SINTERRING~~ SINTERING POROUS-GLASS MATERIAL, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER, ~~AND POROUS-~~
~~GLASS MATERIAL~~